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PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE
16. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON THAI/PRC RELATIONS: BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHING OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH RED CHINA, DO YOU PLAN TO GO TO PEKING
YOURSELF?

KHUKRIT: GOING TO RED CHINA AT THIS STAGE IS WORK THAT
HAS TO BE PERFORMED AT THE LEVEL OF OFFICIALS. IF
REGARDED FROM REASONS IN GENERAL, THE PRIME MINISTER OUGHT
TO GO HIMSELF, BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE CASE OF
MALAYSIA, THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER WENT HIMSELF,
OR IN THE CASE OF THE PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT MARCOS
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WENT HIMSELF AND RETURNED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO. IN THE

CASE OF THAILAND, WE SHOULD STUDY THE EXAMPLES SET BY
MALAYSIA AND THE PHILIPPINES, TO SEE WHETHER WE SHOULD
FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE OR WHETHER WE OUGHT TO USE ANOTHER
WAY. I CANNOT MAKE A DECISION YET BECAUSE I MUST CONSULT
THE CABINET ON WHAT WAY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND IN THE
INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.
BUT THERE IS NO NECESSITY AT ALL FOR ME TO GO AT THIS STAGE,
BECAUSE THIS IS THE STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN
DETAIL ON VARIOUS TECHNICAL CLAUSES WHICH MUST BE AGREED ON.
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